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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [53]

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [62]

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1882.

A FEW months ago, on the occasion of an
accident at the Murray Barracks, the
falling in of a chimney stack which re-
sulted in the death of a Chinese boy, we
protested against the evidence of the
Royal Engineer's Department being ac-
cepted as conclusive, as to the result of
the accident, on the ground that this
department was responsible for the build-
ing being kept in thorough repair. We
strongly recommended that a searching
examination of the building, and into the
probable cause of the falling in of the
chimney stack, should be made by an
independent authority, and our recom-
mendation was adopted by the Coroner,
who appointed Mr. S. R. NEATE, of the
Surveyor General's Department, to
perform the duty, and on his evidence a
verdict was afterwards returned. That
we had perfectly good grounds for object-
ing to a verdict being arrived at on inter-
ested evidence alone, was admitted on all
hands, and it was generally conceded that
we had done good service in leading up to
what was a much needed reform.

We now contend that the same principle
we then advocated should be extended to
every department of the Government ser-
vice, to which it possibly can be applied.
A case, to which we briefly alluded in our
yesterday's issue, demands special notice.
It is reported in our morning contemporary
as follows:—

"An inquest was held yesterday after-
noon at the Gaol Office, before Mr. H. E.
WOODHOUSE, Coroner, and a jury composed
of Messrs. G. D. BOWEN, J. F. MARFELDT,
and J. R. WHITE, on the body of Wong
Lok, a Chinese male adult, prisoner in the
Gaol. Dr. AYRES, Colonial Surgeon, gave
evidence to the effect that the deceased
was admitted to the Gaol on the 13th
December and was put on light labour and
on full diet on account of his extremely
emaciated condition; he was suffering from
bronchitis, from which, however, he re-
covered, but had been suffering from
extreme debility. Deceased was a little
better on Monday, and witness never
thought he was in a precarious state be-
yond the fact of his emaciated condition
and extreme debility. Witness was sent
for early yesterday morning, and when he
arrived he found deceased had died. Wit-
ness was of opinion that death resulted
from natural causes.—Mr. HAYWARD, ac-
ting superintendent of the Gaol, stated that
deceased had been convicted of unlawful
possession and sentenced to six weeks' hard
labour on the 13th December last; he was
put on light labour. His sentence expired
yesterday morning at eight o'clock. De-
ceased was told at about 6 a.m. that the
deceased was dying and he went immediately
to see him, when he was informed that the
doctor had already been sent for.—Mr.
MURPHY, warder of the Gaol hospital,
stated that it was his duty to unlock all
the cells and see the patients at half-past
five in the morning, and in doing so yester-
day he found deceased in a very weak
state, so much so that he found it neces-
sary to send for the doctor. Deceased
was not able to speak. Witness had seen
deceased on the previous evening at half-
past ten o'clock, and he was then in the
same condition as he had been for some
time. Deceased died before the doctor
arrived. The jury returned a verdict of
death from natural causes."

We respectfully submit that, as it is the
duty of the Colonial Surgeon to attend to
prisoners in the gaol, as he is solely
responsible for their medical requirements
and treatment, and in seeing in all cases
of sickness that everything possible that
medical science can afford, is done for
their relief, it was the duty of the Coroner,
in the interests of the public, to have
placed before the jury, in the case alluded
to above, the independent opinion of a
properly qualified medical officer. We do
not wish for one moment to lead the public
to infer that Dr. AYRES did not give the
deceased his best attention in every way,
nor do we wish to throw the faintest shadow
of discredit on the medical evidence he
gave at the coroner's inquest. But it is
our duty to point out that to make the
Colonial Surgeon the sole judge of the man-
ner in which he performs his public duties, to
free him from any description of super-
vision whatsoever, to constitute him, in
fact, an independent and altogether irres-
ponsible public functionary, constitutes an
irregularity which should not be permitted
to exist. It might appear to some persons
from a careful perusal of the report of the
inquest on the body of Wong Lok, that,
under the circumstances, a vague verdict
of "death from natural causes" was not
altogether so satisfactory as could have
been wished. However, with that part of
the question we do not care to deal at pre-
sent; but we lay it down in strong terms,
that in all cases where prisoners die in
gaol, it is imperative that an independent
medical opinion both as to the cause of
death and mode of treatment, should be
laid before the jury.

The question of "Female Education" is
one that is generally beset with difficulties
in the East. Caste, religion, and tradition
are the prejudicial influences which sur-
round it, which sometimes present insur-
mountable barriers to enlightened progress,
neither in consonance with the age nor
local surroundings. While Hongkong can
boast, and has reason to be proud, of the
many excellent institutions where Chinese
boys may obtain all that is required of
them in their ordinary walks of life, and to
fit them as good and useful members of
society, the absence of schools—Anglo-
Chinese—where corresponding suitable
instruction could be imparted to their
sisters, is much to be regretted. This ab-
sence of Chinese girls' schools in the Co-
lony, after four decades of British rule,
cannot but elicit surprise—particularly as
the subject, which, elsewhere in the East,
is considered a very delicate one to deal
with—is not in China associated with or re-
stricted by the customs which prevail in
Hindu and Mahomedan countries. There
are certainly a couple of excellent con-
vents and other establishments in the city
of Victoria, where all that may be needed,
as regards female education, can be ob-
tained; but we must not lose sight of the
fact that these institutions have been in-
variably designed for special purposes, to
meet class or sectarian wants, and do not
find favor with the Chinese community at
large. If anything, we are constrained to
say, they have acted detrimentally as ob-
stacles, from the fact that the celestial
has been unfortunately led, from officious
"foreign intervention," to confound reli-
gion with education. It will, therefore, be
only by private, undenominational, or Go-
vernment schools, that he can be induced—
if at all—to do what is against his imbi-
bed notions on the subject, or change his ten-
dency to conservatism, which is so conspi-
cuous a national characteristic. The ques-
tion is, as we have already said, one of ex-
treme intricacy; but, as regards this Co-
lony, will, we have no doubt, be carefully
dealt with, and meet the attention it merits.
An apparent difficulty might possibly arise
in reference to the teaching staff. Doubtless
many sources exist in Hongkong as well
as in other parts of China from which those
lady teachers requisite for the preliminary
stages of education could be drawn. Be-
sides, mere scholastic attainments alone
would not be the sole object of such insti-
tutions as those which we advocate. Over
and above that mentioned, there would be
other aims, embracing the moral training
and useful knowledge, so that the advan-
tages to be derived from the teaching im-
parted, would have, on the whole, both a
practical and beneficial value.

With reference to the letter signed "Applicant,"
addressed to the *North China Daily News*,
and transferred to our columns yesterday,
we are requested to call attention to the statement
made by the Chairman of the Canton Insurance
Office to the meeting of shareholders held on
the 8th December last. That statement was to
the effect that the General Agents of the office
would provisionally take up 5,000 shares in the
Canton Insurance Office, Limited, and pay, on
their own account, the full amount of the called-
up capital thereon, viz., \$250,000 into the Com-
pany's Bankers, as security for the Policy holders,
until the shares had been allotted. This amount
was duly deposited with the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank, to the credit of the Company, on
1st January.

We have advices from the North that prepara-
tions are being made at Nanking to offer a grand
reception to the Viceroy Tso-tung-tang on the
3rd of next month, at which date he is expected
to reach that city.

LI-A-YING a shop coolie in the employ of Messrs.
Kelly and Walsh was charged at the Police
Court before Dr. F. Stewart, this morning, with
stealing a \$25 note from the till on their premises
in Queen's Road. After hearing the evidence,
the magistrate found the charge proved, and
sentenced the prisoner to four months' impris-
onment with hard labor.

THE *Choya Shimbun* hears that the type
factory at Tsukiji, Tokio, is becoming more and
more prosperous every day, and many orders are
received. In December last the Korean Ambassa-
dor, previous to his leaving for Corea, bought
printing materials there, and in acknowledgment
of the instructions in working the machines
given by a Japanese employe, the Ambassador
presented a quantity of paper to the Japanese.

THE Chinkiang correspondent of the *Shanghai
Mercury* says that Captain Bisbee, the Divisional
Inspector, arrived here a few days ago,
and has since then been surveying the river
from Kwachow to silver Island. The Customs
are building a jetty immediately opposite the
entrance of the examining shed, which has been
long wanted; it will considerably facilitate the
shipping and landing of cargo at the Customs.

THE Wanchai Club, a rising and popular insti-
tution established some little time ago in Queen's
Road East, has lately achieved a good deal of
success in the Quadrille parties given under
Club auspices. The committee intend trying a
new style of amusement, so have announced a
masquerade for the evening of Wednesday,
February 1st. Under the management of the
very efficient Club committee we do not doubt
that this entertainment will prove most enjoy-
able and successful in every possible way.

We would earnestly direct the attention of the
authorities to the great want of public urinals
in the Colony. Unfortunate Chinese are frequently
punished for committing a nuisance, which in
consequence of the existing state of things, there
is much excuse for. Moreover, there can be little
doubt that proper provision in this respect
would result in a less liberal use of the surface
channels at night time than that which now pre-
vails, often to an extent which cannot but be
pernicious to the public health. Hongkong can
kindly deserve the title of a model Colony when
public requirements of such a nature are con-
spicuous by their absence. The Sanitary com-
missioner from the Colonial office, now in Hong-
kong, might take note of the suggestion, if he has
not already done so.

A CURIOUS case, which reminds one of the
pathetic story of Picciolo and his prison flower,
cropped up at the Central Criminal Court the
other day. A man named Edwards was charged
with attempting to wound a warder in Coldbath-
Fields Prison with intent to do him grievous
bodily harm. It appears that Edwards is under-
going a term of two years' imprisonment for for-
gery. A mouse had got into his cell through the
ventilator, and between "mouse" and the pris-
oner a warm friendship was struck up. Mouse
fed off the man's rations, and recompensed him
for its keep by its affectionate playfulness.
"From information received," however, the
prison authorities apprehended the mouse; took
it away, and without trial, executed it. This so
incensed Edwards that, according to the evidence
of some of the prison officials he seized an oakum
knife and made a lunge at Hewetson, the warder,
as he was quitting the cell. The proof not being
very clear, Mr. Justice Hawkins, in summing up,
expressed commiseration for the prisoner, and
pointed out weakness of the case as to rodent,
whereupon the jury at once found a verdict of
not guilty. It was argued on the part of the
prosecution that friendly intercourse between the
man and the mouse was against the regulations
of the prison; but if such is really the case the
regulations must be exceedingly stupid. What
harm was the prisoner or his poor little fellow-
captive doing to anybody by indulgence in this
romantic attachment to each other? Prisoner
although he was, there must have been some-
thing good in this man in that he could by kind-
ness gain the confidence of the poor, "wee,
timorous beastie," and who knows but the mouse
had it been allowed to live, might have been the
honoured means of the man's moral regeneration.
Had there been a Burns alive now we guess he
would have made these small-souled mouse mur-
derers smart for their pains!—*People's Journal*.

THE *Higo News* states that there was a
splendid race in Kobe harbour on the 11th inst.
between a gig belonging to H.M.S. *Flying Fish*
and a comprador's boat. It seems that some of
the officers of the *Flying Fish* were desirous of
seeing the two methods of propulsion—oars and
yulohs—tried, and the contest was arranged ac-
cordingly. The gig pulled five oars, while her
antagonist—known to be the fastest boat of the
kind in harbour—had six men yulohing. A start
was made in the forenoon, but one of the native
oars broke, and the sendo went over the side.
The race had then to be postponed, and a fresh
start took place shortly after two o'clock, the
native boat going off with a decided lead. The
course selected was round the shipping, and
every inch of the way was stoutly contested. For
the greater part of the distance it seemed as if
the native crew would prove victorious, but the
Flying Fish stuck gamely to their work, and in
rounding a steamer off shinden, drew clear of
their adversary. There was then a fine struggle
back to the man-of-war. First the gig, and then
the native boat showed in front, and these posi-
tions were several times reversed, the race being
drawn almost to the last. Just at the finish
the crew of the gig put on a tremendous spurt,
and landed their boat a winner by about half a
boat's length. We understand that the gig is
rather heavily built, and the crew not by any
means the best available. The losing boat, on
the contrary, is remarkably fast of the kind, and
was well manned. It is therefore reasonable to
assume that the result of this race proves the
superiority of oars over yulohs for fast work.

TELEGRAMS for Bangkok can go forward by mail
closing at Singapore at 5 p.m. to-day the 26th
inst.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Sunatra*, extra,
from Bombay, left Singapore for Hongkong at
noon yesterday the 25th inst.

LATEST home telegrams announce that the po-
litical situation in Egypt is improving; but they
omit to state in what manner, so we are just as
wise as we were before, as to what has actually
transpired in our future dependency.

We see it announced in home papers that Prince
Roland Bonaparte, who married Madame Blanc's
youngest daughter, has recently sold his interest
in the Monaco gambling-tables to a "society of
English capitalists" for 23,000,000 francs.

BOSNIA was first reported by special telegram to
be in a disturbed state; it was then announced
that the insurrectionary movement was spreading
through Dalmatia, Bosnia, and becoming a regu-
larly organised rebellion; and we now learn
that the Bosnian insurgent bands are very nume-
rous, and armed with breech-loading rifles; also
that the *gendarmes* are retreating. Who are
the *gendarmes*?

THE worthy gentleman who manipulates the
telegraph wires for Baron Reuter has no doubt a
very difficult task to perform, at times when news
are scarce, to give satisfaction to his many clients
all over the world. It must, however, be confess-
ed that he sometimes wires what can only be
regarded as "padding." He tells us yesterday
that Fenianism is widespread in Ireland, when
as a matter of fact the whole civilised world has
been quite well aware of that for many months
past.

THE *China Mail* of last night says:—"By an un-
fortunate slip the scores in yesterday's cricket
match, between the Club and Fire Brigade, were
placed under the wrong headings, thus showing
the Brigade to have won, instead of the Club, as
was really the case." We detect quibbling over
trifles, but from our hypercritical contemporary
the above explanation is rather too "thin"; in
fact it is a clear case of jumping out of the fry-
pan into the fire. The "artist" who wrote about
the "unfortunate slip" conveniently overlooked
the fact that in the few lines of introduction to
the cricket match in question, it was plainly
asserted that the Club were beaten by an innings
and 51 runs. This was no doubt another "un-
fortunate slip" which the apologeticscribe deemed
it politic to ignore. And yet our contemporary
poses as a high-class, and most reliable journal!

By information that reaches us (*Japan Herald*)
from China, it would appear that those who go-
vern the Councils of "the Flowery Land" are
slowly but surely girding up their loins for a
tussle with Japan, being moved thereto by the
rankling sores caused by the Japanese descent
upon Formosa, and the annexation of Loo Choo.
The constant additions of fast and powerful ships
to the Chinese Navy, armed with heavy guns of
the newest patterns, with great initial velocity
and penetrative power, would seem to indicate,
now the Russian difficulty has been arranged,
that some formidable maritime operation is con-
templated, for it is to be noted that the augmen-
tation and strengthening of the fleet, and the
erection of forts commanding the entrances to
the Empire by sea, are carried out with more
vigour and at greater expense than the equip-
ment of and additions to the land forces. The
defences of the seaboard are, at the vulnerable
points, being put into a state of efficiency, so as
to be capable of repelling any seaboard enemy,
should the navy in the meantime not have swept
the seas of hostile ships.

OUR Macao correspondent casually alludes to a
recently exposed scandal which has for the past
few days caused a deal of excitement in the
neighbouring colony. It would appear that
gambling has for a considerable time past been
indulged in on board the Portuguese gunboat
Tamega, and fabulous sums were said to have
been won by the Paymaster of the vessel at the
well known Chinese game, fan-tan. Be that as
it may, a state of affairs appears to have been
allowed to exist which reflects but little credit either
on the management or discipline of the Portuguese
Navy. The *China Mail* reports, officially no doubt,
that grave suspicions have been entertained for
some time that there was a screw loose somewhere
in the paymaster's department of the *Tamega*,
as the quarterly accounts had not been "rendered
with the punctuality usually pertaining to a well
regulated management of affairs." If this be so,
it may well be asked, if suspicions that some-
thing was wrong actually existed, why was a
searching inquiry not instituted without delay?

It is stated that inquiries at the Hongkong Bank
were made respecting Mr. Saturnino's financial
transactions with them, which proved the re-
verse of satisfactory, and as a deficiency of
some \$30,000 has been discovered in the pay-
master's accounts, for which no satisfactory
explanation has been offered, that official has
been placed under arrest. It is currently re-
ported in Macao that Mr. Saturnino, the pay-
master of the *Tamega*, has been an extensive
patron and supporter of the fan-tan hells, and
that the whole of the missing money has been
recklessly thrown away at this stupid game.
Whether this be true or not, we of course cannot
say, and until the officer now in custody is
formally tried, it would be unfair to impute
charges against him of which he may be quite
guiltless. The moral guilt of the Portuguese
Government in falling so low as to derive, in
these enlightened days, a revenue—an existence
in fact—from such a disgraceful source, as the
licensing of public gambling-houses, could not
have been brought home to them in a more for-
midable manner than by this unfortunate fiasco.
"Our evil-god may come, and it is just pos-
sible that, when the present scandalous state of
affairs in Macao is brought to the notice of the
Lisbon Government and the Lisbon press, some
decisive steps may be taken to ameliorate the
degrading position of the Macacaense, and to purify
the modern Gomorrah!

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"On my way down
from Robinson-road this morning, my attention
was struck by a placard pasted on the wall op-
posite the residence of Dr. E. J. Eitel, Govern-
ment Inspector of Schools. A more flagrant
outrage on common decency I never saw; and
this scurrilous placard is calculated to materially
injure the career and prospects of Dr. Eitel, as a
servant of the Government, and Inspector of
Schools, it is to be hoped the authorities will take
steps to discover the scoundrels who perpetrated
this cowardly outrage."

HONGKONG MEDICAL MISSION.

We have been requested to state that the Com-
mittee of the Hongkong Medical Mission met
at the offices of Messrs. Linstead & Davis on January
13th. There were present: Mr. H. W. Davis
(Chairman), Mr. J. Macgregor, Mr. D. R. Craw-
ford, Dr. W. Young, Rev. R. Lechler, and Rev.
J. C. Edge (Hon. Sec).

The Report for the quarter ending 31st Dec.
1881 was presented. It was stated that thirty-
six visits had been made to the Dispensary, and
that nine hundred and twenty-seven patients had
been attended to. For the present the Dispensary
is open three days a week, from 7 to 8.30
a.m. each day. Much interest has been shown
in the work of the Mission by the Chinese, and
it is evident that its operations are meeting a
pressing need.

The outlay for medicines has been a little
over \$50.

A letter has been received from the London
Missionary society, stating that the Directors
will gladly join with the work of the Medical
Mission, and that they undertake to appoint a
Medical Missionary to labour in Hongkong.

It was agreed that a statement of the present
position of the Mission should be communicated
to the public press.

As yet the Mission has only begun its work.
Its aim is to found an hospital; and upon this
important undertaking it will proceed as soon as
there are sufficient funds in hand.

Mr. H. W. Davis (of Messrs. Linstead & Davis)
is the Treasurer of the Mission.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAM-BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

MEETING—THIS DAY.

The Ordinary half yearly meeting of the above
named Company was held at the Offices, Queen's
Road, this afternoon. There were present—
The Hon. E. R. Bellios, (Chairman), The Hon. F.
Bulkeley Johnson, and Messrs. A. McIver and
W. Reiners (Directors), Mr. P. A. de Costa
(Secretary), and Messrs. A. E. Vaucher, H. Foss,
J. T. Chater, J. V. de Rocha, Hon. P. Ryrie, E.
George, G. Holmes, A. S. Cohen, D. McCulloch,
T. Arnold, H. N. Mody, H. Esmail, and G. de
Champeaux.

The Secretary read the notice convening the
meeting, and the CHAIRMAN then rose and said:
—Gentlemen, as customary, we will take this re-
port as read. With this remark, gentlemen, I
have to acquaint you of the satisfactory disposal
of the *Klaskan*. We have again to contend
with a strong opposition, and notwithstanding, our
earnings and working accounts for the half-year
under review happily show a good figure. A
great deal of our prosperity is attributed to the
economical management of your affairs by the
present hands. The expenditure, as compared
with the late general managers, Messrs. Augus-
tine Heard and Co., shows some 25 to 27 per-
cent. in your favour in the disbursements. The
views of the shareholders, at the last meeting,
have been carried out, namely, the reduction of
expenses. The slightest adverse rumour affected
the company a great deal, but we have happily
surmounted the several vague reports circulate
concerning ourselves. Our new steamer is in
course of completion, and a telegram from Lon-
don dated the 21st instant received here the
following day, says "Launch successful," which
I have no doubt is the case; and under the cir-
cumstances she will be running in these waters
when we see you again. We will have paid in
full for her, by the time she is out from the
reserve. With these remarks, gentlemen, I beg
to propose that the report be adopted.

The Hon. P. RYRIE seconded.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. McIVER proposed the re-election of the
auditors.

Mr. H. N. Mody seconded.

Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN then announced that the
dividends would be payable on and after Satur-
day next.

This concluded the business, when Mr. H. N.
Mody proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman
and Directors, which was carried by acclamation.

MACAO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
MACAO, 25th January.

I have to congratulate you upon your success
in the Supreme Court the other day, which has
been much talked about here, also upon the
publication of the *Hongkong Telegraph* in its
enlarged form. It is really very interesting in
its new garb, and as an old journalist of some
considerable experience, I may be permitted to
give my opinion that it is the best printed news-
paper in China. Presuming you will still con-
tinue to give me a quiet corner in the new sheet,
I will shortly resume my dogged dissertations
on educational and general matters in this pro-
vince.

You will have noted the arrival of the trans-
port *Africa*. She comes over to your port to
be docked early to-morrow.

There are so many rumours afloat at present
in this Baden-Baden of the Far East, namely Fan-
tan catastrophes, that I am sorely tempted to
send you a sketch from life of a local romance.
The task is perhaps beyond my capacity; how-
ever, the spirit of satire is too strong to be re-
sisted, and the heroes are ready to my hand to
be immortalised in your columns.

The teachers and boys of our Commercial
School were greatly pleased to see such a nice
account of the speeches and proceedings at the
annual distribution of prizes, and desire to ex-
press their best thanks for your kindness in
publishing the same at such great length.
You must be gratifying to you that your views on
the commercial and educational necessities of
Macao, have been received with great favor,
in official as well as in general circles. The
Telegraph has deservedly become a popular
and permanent institution in the "gem of the
orient east."

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Saigon.—Per *Paladin*, to-morrow, the 27th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Rajanathamchari*, on Saturday, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Fokien*, on Saturday, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M.

The Postal Guide published in 1879 being now somewhat out of date, a revised issue is printed in the *Hongkong Directory and Hong List for the Far East* for 1882, which supercedes all previous editions.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet "ANADYR" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 30th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, *via* Nanchang, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Surabaya, Ceylon, the Australasian Colonies, Pondichery, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.

THE FRENCH MAILS.

DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE (ON SATURDAY if the departure be on Monday).

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

DAY OF DEPARTURE.

7 A.M., Post Office opens.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters closes. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until.

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board.

time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.

NOON, Money Order Office closes.

2 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

3 P.M., Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

3.10 P.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents, until.

3.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

3.40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned, Officers,* Bandmasters, Army Schoolmasters (not superintending or First Class) Writers or schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom by mail at the rate of four cents (two-pence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong Stamps. By private steamer the postage is two cents (one penny).

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

3.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days.

4.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No hankerbells, jewellery, &c. can be sent, even with the ends open.

5.—If from a soldier or sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c. in full. If to a soldier or sailor, his class and description must be stated in full on the letter.

5.—soldiers and sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can these be prepaid with Imperial Stamps.

LETTER BOXES.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a chit with the book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office.

part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.	
RATES OF POSTAGE.	
Letters, per 1 oz.	10 Cents
Post Cards, each	3 Cents
Books, Patterns, and Commercial }	2 Cents
Papers, per 2 oz.	2 Cents
Newspapers & Prices Current, each	2 Cents
Registration	10 Cents
Do. with return receipt.....	15 Cents
Commercial papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, debts, copied music, &c. The charge is the same for Books, but all packets of unprinted matter, such as <i>Book-Work</i> , <i>Book-Work</i> , &c.	

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, marked with the name of the ship, and prepaid 10 cents per half ounce as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

No responsibility can be accepted in this Department for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries or to notes addressed to subordinate officers. The shroffs told off to sell stamps should especially not be regarded as able to give correct information. The Postal Guide alone is the standard on all points on which such information may be required.

A Pillar Box has been established at the West Point Police station (opposite the sailors' Home) and another at the South front of the Harbour Department. The hours of clearance are as follow:—

	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
West Point	10.00	2.00	4.15
Harbour Department	10.15	2.15	4.30

Letters arrive at the Post Office 10.30 2.30 4.45

*Mails receive at the this hour will be kept

open till the Messenger arrives from the Fulani Boxes.

Correspondence of all kinds posted in either box before the first clearance on mail day will be in time for the Homeward Mail.

All correspondence for Hongkong will be delivered the same day.

Residents who keep a postage account with this Office may post local correspondence in these boxes without stamps, provided the sender's name or recognised device appears on each article.

Local correspondence means that for Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz. - Cooks, Gunners, Boat-wain, or Carpenter.

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